

Stephanie Kost

From: david rottenberg [drassoc@ziplink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2003 9:34 AM
To: KAQuinn
Subject: I Oppose a Broadcast Flag Mandate for Digital Television

November 12, 2003

Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy
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Sincerely,

david rottenberg
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Sincerely,

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From: Barry McGreer [bmcgreer@fidelitone.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2003 8:51 AM
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Sincerely,

Barry McGreer
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USA

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Sincerely,

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Miami, FL 33175
USA

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Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2003 8:45 AM
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Sincerely,

Matt Wenzel
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USA

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From: Matthew Sorge [msorge@chartertn.net]
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2003 8:43 AM
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Sincerely,

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USA

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Sincerely,

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Birmingham, AL 35205
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From: Tamara Sawyer [tsawyer2@bellsouth.net]
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Sincerely,

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USA

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From: John Cressman [ookami007@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2003 8:03 AM
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From: Donny Dorsey [donnydorsey@earthlink.net]
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Sincerely,

Melissa Fuller Becker
306 NW 78th Street
Seattle, WA 98117
USA

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From: charles Kamerling [charles@dcvi.net]
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2003 1:57 PM
To: KAQuinn
Subject: The broadcast flag rule

What are you thinking? Acting in the best interests of a small handful of media moguls at the expense of the consumers' freedom to choose how they will fairly use media received is appalling. The mere fact that this most recent and heinous abuse of position is being carried out is offensive to both my sense of democracy as a tax paying citizen and to my sense of fairness and competitiveness in the market place as a small producer of digital content.

Forcing a security standard into the digital arena is the largest mistake that will be made for decades concerning this issue. The FCC as a federally funded agency, should be working on behalf of the consumer. This latest gross demonstration of who really creates policy and for whom is the worst case of negligence I have seen since the fiasco with Air Traffic Control upgrades.

Between the basic dissolution of the copyright acts, extending protections in some cases beyond 100 years, and these latest ram-rod tactics creating policies such as this one so openly practiced by the FCC and spearheaded by the media conglomerates, I as a consumer believe that I have just witnessed the last of my media civil liberties and fair use capability wash down the drain.

In answer to my opening question: We consumers know what you are thinking - you think control the content and you hold the control to the revenue generation models. Your corporate cronies would like nothing better than to control every piece of media created for all time, charging for every play of a song or showing of a previously recorded show. The repercussions for such acts will most likely dwarf the Napster effect. Because in the case of Napster, consumers weren't downloading in lieu of purchasing; they made a conscious decision not to purchase music. As I'm sure you are aware, while CD sales decreased DVD sales almost proportionally increased.

Thank you for allowing me to exercise my freedom of speech. We should all do so before we too lose that freedom in the name of profits for large corporations, veiled in the traditional FCC mantra of doing what is best for consumers.

Charles Kamerling
Prattville, AL

Respectfully,

Charles Kamerling

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From: Brian Rudden [noobulator@noobulator.net]
Sent: Tuesday, November 11, 2003 1:18 PM
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Denver, CO 80212
USA

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From: Ron Melvin [ronm99@yahoo.com]
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From: David Hall [nomad@joshua-wopr.com]
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To: KAQuinn
Subject: Broadcast flag

Dear Chairman Powell,

I don't think well of the FCC's ruling adopting the Broadcast Flag. This seemingly inconsequential flag will end up being a trigger for violation of the DMCA, which is an unfortunate piece of legislation that carries a very big hammer for violators. I seem to recall the FBI arresting a Russian DMCA violator while presenting at a California conference. I don't think private individuals should be jailed for taking some non-profit liberties with content delivered over commercial (free) broadcast television.

I have always assumed that TV broadcasters receive (free) use of the airwaves in return for serving the public interest. Although the FCC gives lip service to freedom of copying for home use, the DMCA knows no such limitations when copy controls are circumvented, even if such content remains within the home. If the FCC specifies a copy control, then it specifies a way for DMCA to be triggered. Has the FCC has been snookered by MPAA lawyers?

Rather than fostering innovation and new products, the ruling will create a chilling effect on new kinds of consumer products, for manufacturers' fear of federal rules violations and penalties. In a worse case scenario, new products will only be allowed only to the extent of permission by content providers, who are very happy making money within their current business models. For instance, what will this ruling do to the newly evolving "Home Theater PC" market?

Best regards,

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Sent: Friday, November 07, 2003 2:33 PM
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Subject: I Oppose a Broadcast Flag Mandate for Digital Television

November 7, 2003

Commissioner Michael J. Copps
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Dear Michael Copps,

I am writing to voice my opposition to any FCC-mandated adoption of "broadcast flag" technology for digital television. As a consumer and citizen, I feel strongly that such a policy would be bad for innovation, consumer rights, and the ultimate adoption of DTV.

A robust, competitive market for consumer electronics must be rooted in manufacturers' ability to innovate for their customers. Allowing movie studios to veto features of DTV-reception equipment will enable the studios to tell technologists what new products they can create. This will result in products that don't necessarily reflect what consumers like me actually want, and it could result in me being charged more money for inferior functionality.

If the FCC issues a broadcast flag mandate, I would actually be less likely to make an investment in DTV-capable receivers and other equipment. I will not pay more for devices that limit my rights at the behest of Hollywood. Please do not mandate broadcast flag technology for digital television. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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